

Press Release --- LA Office of Motor Vehicles --- Sunday, September 4, 2005

IDENTITY PROOF NEEDED BY EVACUEES OF HURRICANE KATRINA -

Help is now available

The LA Office of Motor Vehicles is making every effort to assist evacuees in obtaining proof of identity as soon as possible. Identify is not only a concern but a necessity to conduct any type business, cash checks, or apply for state or federal assistance.

Commissioner Kay Hodges says the Office of Motor Vehicles is working diligently to expedite procedures and processing for issuance of replacement driver's licenses and identification cards at no cost.

FOR EVACUEES LOCATED INSIDE LOUISIANA:

To the extent possible, these persons are encouraged to visit a local motor vehicle office as soon as possible to apply for a replacement driver's license or identification card.

Identity documents will not be required if the person already had a LA driver's license or ID card that can be verified through OMV photo-retrieve and signature files.

For those in shelters, a "point of contact" person can work with OMV representatives to set up the best options to assist evacuees in their area. To initiate, call (225) 925-4610 or 925-3993.

FOR EVACUEES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF LOUISIANA:

Individuals currently licensed or having possessed a LA identification card can apply for a free reconstructed driver's license or ID card. An [application](#) is now available through OMV's website (www.expresslane.org) or can be faxed to the individual upon request (225) 925-4195 or 1-877-DMV-LINE (1-877-368-5463).

The [application](#) is to be completed to include the person's full name, date of birth, race, sex, social security number, a "mail to" address, and a telephone number, if possible. The [application](#) must be signed by the applicant as the signature comparison will be their "proof of identification". Commissioner Hodges says her office will make every effort to process and mail the driver's license or ID card within a 72 hour turnaround period.

TO FAX [APPLICATION](#) TO MOTOR VEHICLES:

(225) 925-3901 or (225) 925-1937 or (225)925-6303